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Test at 4 pm

Newly-elected MLAs standing to the National Song** (Vande Mataram) **which was played at the Karnataka Legislative Assembly before they took oath this morning.

Bengaluru, May 19 (BCT)- The stage is set for the keenly-awaited trial of strength in Karnataka Assembly today at 4 pm wherein the BJP government of B.S. Yeddyurappa will have to pass the floor test even as on the face value, the saffron party camp is still short of seven MLAs.

The floor test and one-day special session have been convened after the Supreme Court yesterday ordered for an immediate floor test for Chief Minister Yeddyurappa who was sworn in on Thursday and was given 15-day time to prove majority.

When Yeddyurappa moves a motion seeking the confidence of the House, the Legislative Assembly, officials are expected to take out a head count of the Legislators who are in favour of the motion first, and then of those opposing it. The members would be asked to stand up and the head count taken up row by row, starting from the first row. The names of the members would be written down in a register and counted later.

The session began at 11 am today with elected representatives being administered oath by pro-tem Speaker K.G. Bopaiah after Supreme Court this morning rejected the Congress-JD(S) plea against the appointment of Bopaiah as the pro-tem Speaker. The apex court has also ordered a live streaming of the floor test in order to ensure fairness. The live proceedings will be telecast on local TV channels. The Assembly Secretariat will record the proceedings.

(See TEST on page 13)

Options before Yeddyurappa

Ahead of the floor test, the BJP has five options to turn the tide in its favour. One, the BJP can ask the Congress-JD(S) MLAs to abstain from voting. This brings down the strength of the House and the BJP can manage the majority on its own. Two, illegally poach the Congress-JD(S) MLAs. Three, ask the opposition leaders to resign. The MLAs can re-contest the elections. Four, ask the Congress-JD(S) lawmakers to stay away from voting. Five, disrupt the Assembly.

Reports this morning said that Yeddyurappa might resign before the trust vote. Sources said that Yeddyurappa has prepared a 13-page speech to be delivered before the trust vote, listing out the steps he would have taken if he had remained the CM.

He might follow the footsteps of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee when he resigned in 1996 after 13 days in power.

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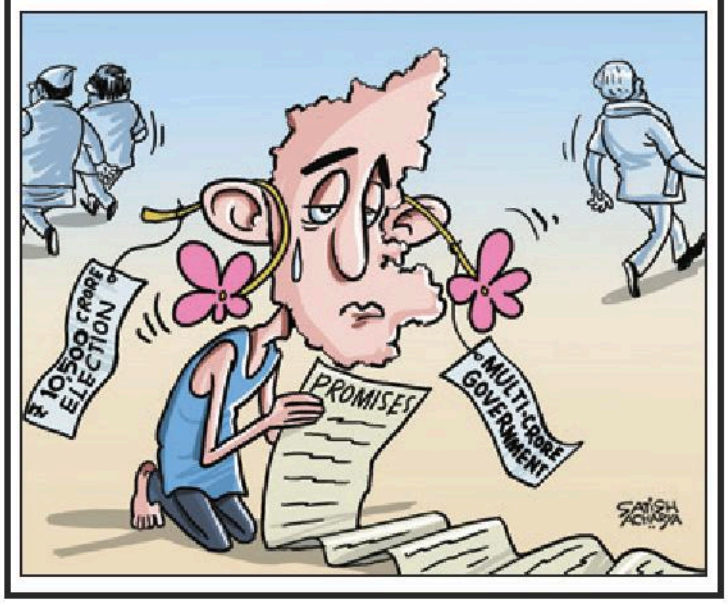
By Satish Acharya



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Reining in residue

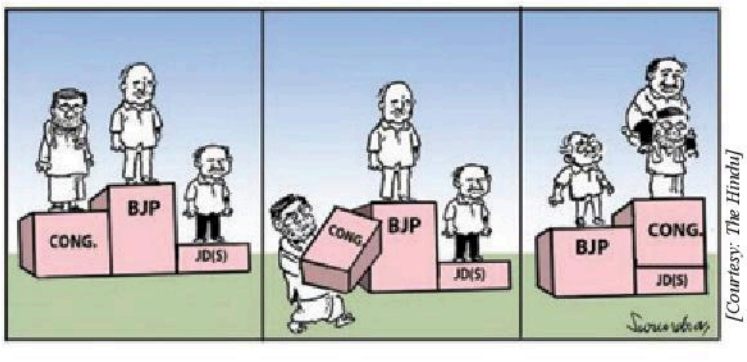
The currently accepted figure of seven plus billion human beings hosted by planet earth, respectfully projected as *mother,* taken along with the second related figure of the annual addition to this mass, namely 85 million, while noting that the world's total headcount was only one billion in 1800 and expected to touch 10 billion at the end of next decade have tended to engage only the demographers while the figures ought to ring the bell loud in the minds of those who have the intelligence and wherewithal to think and cause action to arrest the steady climb of the above-mentioned numbers for reasons not necessary to elaborate. The expression that mother earth has everything to meet all the *needs* of her wards but not their greed has not served to slow down the *pace* of life in terms of drawing upon the natural resources which has clearly exceeded break-neck level. The overuse of fossil fuels to sustain the present pace has only been extensively debated in the circles of cognoscenti while no perceptible corrective measure is evident in any country. The powers-that-be in India's successive governments too have talked about issues of resource-residue connect superficially.

The line between necessities and luxuries, which used to be thick and clear until not too long ago, has virtually disappeared in our times. Tribal communities inhabiting Andaman and Nicobar Islands were reported (years ago) to have keenly guarded against hurting nature in their daily life by limiting the use of natural resources to barely meet their necessities of life, unlike the rest of the world. There are no reports about they emulating the world outside.

While the point of which is that number of human beings beyond which the earth cannot possibly bear is frightening to imagine, *the other point nearer home,* namely what options are there to deal with the residue (familiar to all as garbage or waste) being generated every day, if not every hour, particularly by the steadily rising numbers of urban residents across the country is no less worrisome. The figures of residue in cities with residents numbering between one million and 20 million are presently mentioned in hundreds of tonnes, and for the country in thousands of tonnes while the figure for the entire earth is in astronomical proportions and counting. Conjointly with the mass of residue is the feature of cluttering every kind of space, such as roads (by automobiles), atmosphere (by flying machines), outer space (by satellites) and mountain ranges (by debris left behind by climbers).

Dealing with residue being societal enterprise, with the provision for virtually having a massive and never-in-short-supply of raw material, community *support* holds the key to sustaining and profitability of enterprise. The Bengaluru-based set up *Citizengage* has come out with a mechanism for processing residue involving waste collectors and business establishments. Mysuru will do well to go Bengaluru *this* way unlike in all *other* ways.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE



[Courtesy: The Hindu]

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cactus kills its parts to move

Baja California Sur: The Creeping Devil is a rare and fascinating species of cactus that is not only capable of cloning itself to survive, but also of detaching from its major shoot to move through the desert over time.

Unlike most other species of cactus, which typically grow vertically, toward the sky, the creeping devil is different – it lies flat on the ground with only its tip slightly raised. This plays a major role in the plant's survival in isolation, but also in its unique capacity to migrate along the desert over long periods of time.

As it grows parallel to the ground, the stem of the creeping devil cactus will start to take roots toward their tip, and once it is solidly fixed into the sandy soil, the old body dies, rotting and that helps the new stem grow. In a way, the cactus has to die in order to survive. The creeping cevil is one of the most fascinating plants in the world, but it is currently facing extinction.

Dough spill creates delicious mess

Carolina: A delivery truck's door opened on a North Carolina Highway, resulting in a huge amount of cookie dough spilling onto the roadway.

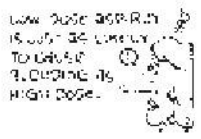
A photo of the mess on Highway 17 was posted on Facebook by Pender EMS & Fire, Inc., which shows the yellow sticky dough spilled all over the road and officials engaged in a clean up operation.

Emergency officials said the truck was stopped at a light at the highway's intersection with Sidbury Road in Wilmington and the rear door came open when it started to move again spilling about 20 large rolling carts filled with cookie dough out of the vehicle and several overturned, covering the road in dough.

Several carts overturned on the busy highway causing snarled-up traffic. There was no report of anyone being injured in the incident.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How common is bleeding from taking aspirin?



Fortunately, internal bleeding from taking aspirin is rare, but it does occur: Under 60 years of age: 8 out of 1,000 men, 4 out of 1,000 women; 60 to 69: 24 out of 1,000 men, 12 out of 1,000 women; 70 to 79 : 36 out of 1,000 men, 18 out of 1,000 women.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Career Counselling-2018 session in city tomorrow

Mysuru, May 19-The Hindu-EDGE Career Counselling-2018 session will be held in city on Sunday (May 20) to help make an informed career choice and chalk out their future.

The career counselling session will be held at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium from 9.30 am to 1 pm tomorrow.

The programme is open to all and will feature officials from the Karnataka Examination Authority who will make a presentation on CET counselling and admission procedure for the benefit of students and parents and clarify their doubts.

This will be followed by a presentation on alternative career choices by professional career counsellors for the benefit of the students. The presentation by CET and career counsellors will be followed by an interaction in which resource persons and experts from Engineering and Medical fields will take questions from students on various professional or general courses available, future prospects, scope, eligibility requirements etc., and provide a helping hand to the student community who are on the threshold of embarking on higher studies to pursue a career. All the participants will get a free copy of *"The Nxt Step,"* a career handbook which has well-researched articles and will help students plan their next step.

Students of std. 9 to 12, who are wanting to pursue higher studies after class XII and those looking for Post-Graduation may attend along with their parents or guardians. For details contact Mob: 94488-71815.

Vivacious: Project expo-cum-contest at VVCE on May 21

Mysuru, May 19 - Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Gokulam III Stage, is organising department-wise final year students project exhibition-cum-competition titled *Vivacious* on May 21 at the college premises. Jury members are externals from Industry and Academia. Around 500 students from Electronics, Mechanical, Civil, Electrical, Computer Science and Information Science Engineering will participate in the event which starts from 9am, according to a press release from Dr. G. B. Krishnappa, Dean (Research and Development) and Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, VVCE.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic chaos near Vijayanagar Water Tank

Sir,

Time and again readers have expressed traffic problems near Vijayanagar Water Tank. To make the situation worse, now the Circle opposite SBM is creating utter chaos as vehicles coming from Vijayanagar Water Tank towards K.D. Road, from Abhishek Circle, from K.D. Road and from Karnataka Bank, all get stuck here, thus making the pedestrian road crossing more risky and dangerous.

The widened roads and gushing of vehicles and the impatient vehicle drivers from all the four sides has aggravated the situation to a worse condition.

There is an urgent need to regulate traffic here as also at the other end Circle of the Tank where the road leads to Surya bakery. With all these, the traffic cops stand at this corner only to trap helmetless and seatbeltless motorists.

It is high time, that traffic brasses should think of preventive measures, rather than concentrating only on collection of fines.

—Vijay Hemmige
on e-mail

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TECHNICAL TALK

Mysuru, May 19- The Institution of Engineers (I), Mysuru Centre and Indian Society of Heating Refrigerating & Air-Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE), Mysuru, have organised a technical talk on 'Food Preservation by High Pressure Freezing' by CFTRI Scientist Dr. Navinkumar Rastogi and ISHRAE President Er. B.S. Ramesh at S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road this evening at 6 pm. IEI Chairman M. Chinnaswamy will preside.

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Diploma at JSS Polytechnic

Applications have been invited by JSS Polytechnic for Women, Mysuru, for admission to Diploma in Engineering and Non-Engineering Branches (Government seats) through online Interactive Counselling. Those with minimum 35% marks in SSLC or its equivalent are eligible. For details, contact S.B. Subramanyam on Mob: 98458-09877 or K.L. Srinidhi on 79758-81130.

Health Camps

Avati L. Ramasheshaiah and Lakshmi Devamma Clinic of Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital has organised a 'Sunday Clinic' at its premises on Vinoba Road on May 20 from 8 am to 12 noon. For details, contact Mob: 88847-44144.

Also a 'Safe Beat Clinic' has been organised at Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital premises on May 20 from 8 am. The Clinic involves test of lipid profile, ECG, ECO, FBS, PP, Calcium Score and consultation. For details, contact Mob: 95380-52378.

Ayurveda camp

Maharshi Meditation and Personality Development Centre at Sharadadevinagar has organised a free Ayurvedic consultation and treatment camp from May 24 to 31 from 4 pm to 8 pm for arthritis patients at its premises. For details, contact Mob: 94812-43124 or 93426-81241.

Theatre training

Anukarana Rangashale is commencing theatre training classes for children in the age group of 8-14 years for the year 2018-19 for which the interview and auditions will be held on May 20 from 11 am at Sri Kuvempu Rangamandira, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust premises in Jayalakshmipuram. Only first 30 children will be provided training. For details, contact Mob: 72040-34040 or 86601-03141.

Hostel admission

Applications have been invited from rural students for free admission to K.H. Ramaiah Vidyarthi Nilaya at V.V. Mohalla for the year 2018-19. Applications can be collected from the Hostel office and the filled in application forms should be submitted before May 31. More details can be had by contacting the Hostel office.

Ladies' Hostel

Applications are invited from rural girl students for admission to Smt. Yashodhara Dasappa Ladies Hostel in V.V. Mohalla for the year 2018-19. Applications can be collected from the hostel office and the filled in application forms should be submitted before May 31.

Plus 112, minus 112; It's all about number game!

Will it be BJP or Congress-JD(S)?

People keep fingers crossed, guessing game on...

Mysuru, May 19 (RK&BCT)- "Poaching" and "horse-trading" are two terms that have haunted Congress and JD(S) ever since the results came out for the Karnataka Assembly election. Both the parties have been busy in the past three days moving its Legislators from resort to resort in order to keep them out of BJP's reach.

"MLA shopping", "resort politics", "Operation Kamala" — there aren't enough names and expressions, apprehensions and persuasions to describe the current scenario following the split mandate. Amidst the confusion and the chaos in the State capital where parties are desperately trying to grab power, the loser is the voter who has made his/ her choice. He is a loser because he is not being taken into confidence in Govt. formation. He is apprehensive that the State might go for another election and the money paid by him as taxes will be used by leaders for politicking.

Sadly, if horse-trading is betrayal of people's mandate, there seems to be no force or a Constitutional body (Courts, Election Commission, President or any other agency) capable of stopping political parties from betraying the voters.

B.S. Yeddyurappa

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The political drama that began last Tuesday (May 15) after BJP secured 104 seats as against a majority of 112 has showed no signs of ending with new developments each passing hour. From the time after the results were announced when Congress, a bitter rival of JD(S) during election campaigns, offered unconditional support to the latter to form the government till the time Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala invited BJP Leader B.S. Yeddyurappa to form the Government as BJP is the single largest party, the drama started playing out in Bengaluru. The drama continued with twists and turns.

The political scene shifted to New Delhi when Supreme Court advocates owning allegiance to Congress knocked the doors of Chief Justice Dipak Misra for a late-night hearing on the Governor's move to invite Yeddyurappa and giving him 15 days time to prove majority. Following this, the Chief Justice constituted a Bench. It heard the matter at 2.10 am on Thursday (May 17) in a rare hearing. The Court though refused to stay Yeddyurappa's swearing-in asked certain tough questions on the Governor's move.

The SC Bench, comprising Justices A.K. Sikri, S.A. Bobde and Ashok Bhushan, again sat yesterday morning and asked Yeddyurappa to prove his majority at 4 pm on May 19 (today).

Meanwhile, as the Congress and JD(S) lawyers approached the Supreme Court, the parties herded their newly-elected MLAs to resorts. Not satisfied by their stay in Bengaluru (Eagleton Resorts and Hotel Shangri-La), the parties shifted them to Hyderabad and booked accommodation in three resorts — Taj Krishna, Novotel Hotel and Grand Hyatt.

Following the Supreme Court directive on the floor test, the Legislators were brought back to Bengaluru early this morning. While the Congress MLAs were stationed at Hotel Hilton, JDS MLAs were housed at Le Meridian. The BJP, meanwhile, had its Legislative meeting at Shangri-La before all the MLAs were taken to the Assembly. One straight impact of the political drama is that the entire attention of the people is focussed on Karnataka. Political discussion is omnipresent at hotels, bars and restaurants, hair-cutting saloons and the famed Arali-Katte in villages where each person is donning the role of a political commentator giving expert opinions on permutations and combinations of the number game.

So much so that the routine work, especially in villages, has taken a backseat at people are busier in knowing who will form the Government than thinking about their livelihood. This is illustrated by puja rituals being conducted at various temples praying for divine intervention so that their favourite candidate will become the Chief Minister.

Now all eyes are on the Assembly where Yeddyurappa will seek the trust vote at 4 pm.

15-days time for BJP Govt. to prove majority

Former Lokayukta objects to Governor's action

Santhosh Hegde

Mysuru, May 19- Maintaining that the Karnataka Governor's decision to grant 15 days time for the BJP Government to prove majority in the floor of the House was not correct, former Lokayukta Justice (retd.) Santhosh Hegde has welcomed the Supreme Court's ruling asking the BJP Government to prove majority in a day.

Speaking to press persons at Vidyavardhaka College premises here yesterday, Hegde, however, said that the Governor's decision to invite BJP, the single largest party to form the Government was correct.

Reiterating that 15 days time given by the Governor was too long as it gives scope for large-scale horse-trading, the former Lokayukta quoted the Apex Court's ruling in S.R. Bommai case, wherein the Supreme Court had said that the single largest party can be invited to form Government.

Pointing out that the voters are to be blamed for hung verdict, he observed that voters must not fall prey to allurements.

Regretting criminalisation of politics, Justice Hegde bemoaned that many candidates with criminal background have got elected to the Assembly.

Reacting to Congress claim of strengthening the Lokayukta, he said that the claim was a bundle of lies as the Congress has inactivated Lokayukta by creating Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB).

He further said that the Congress did not act on many Lokayukta reports.

He stressed on the need for empowerment of the Lokayukta for strengthening the democracy.

CPI(M) stages protest against Governor

Mysuru, May 19 (PM&DM)- Strongly condemning the Governor's action of inviting the BJP to form the Government though it did not have the numbers, members of CPI, CPI(M) and CPI(MC) staged a demonstration at Mahatma Gandhi's bust opposite the City Law Courts Complex here yesterday.

Accusing the Governor of acting against the principles of Constitution, the protesters alleged that the Governor had acted in a partisan manner by ignoring the claims of the Congress-JD(S) combine which had enough numbers to form the Govt.

Communist leaders H.R. Sheshadri, Basavaraju, L. Jaganath, Ursu, Shivanna and others led the protest.

Burglary at Kollapuradamma Temple;
Miscreants decamp with Rs. 20,000 cash

Mysuru, May 19 (RK&DM)- Burglars, who broke open into Sri Mahalakshmi Kollapuradamma Temple near Raghavendra Swamy Mutt on Narayana Shastry Road in city, have decamped with cash of nearly Rs. 20,000 collected in the temple *hundi*.

The burglars are said to have climbed the stairs of a building adjacent to the temple and gained entry into the temple by cutting open the grills of a window using a hacksaw late last night.

The burglars, after getting into the temple, forced open the lid of the steel *hundi* placed near the sanctum sanctorum and decamped with cash but left all jewellery and other articles untouched, it is learnt. The theft came to light when the temple priest K. Krishnamurthy came as usual for performing *puja* at 6.30 am today.

K.R. Police, who visited the spot, conducted mahazar and registered a case. Finger Print experts and Dog Squad were also pressed into service.

Temple Development Committee President M. Nagaraj told *SOM* that the *hundi* counting was due next week. There was no security personnel to guard the temple since the last one month and no CCTV cameras installed in the temple premises were working as the temple was all set for re-painting, he said and added that the miscreants have taken advantage of this to burgle the temple.

Man sentenced to life
for killing daughter-in-law

Mysuru, May 19- A City Court has sentenced a man to life for killing his daughter-in-law by smashing her head with a boulder, to life imprisonment besides imposing a penalty of Rs. 5,000.

Mahadevu, 70, a resident of Nanjangud town, is the one who has been sentenced.

Mahadevu, who lived along with his son Ravikumar and daughter-in-law Manjula, smashed the head of Manjula when she sleeping in the wee hours of Sept. 13, 2014 over a petty issue. Manjula, who sustained serious head injuries, was admitted to JSS Hospital in Mysuru, where she breathed her last on Sept. 15, 2014.

The Nanjangud Town Police, who had registered a case in this regard, submitted charge-sheet against Mahadevu in the Court.

The City's 5th Additional District and Sessions Court Judge C.M. Joshi, who heard the case, convicted Mahadevu and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

Public Prosecutor Nagappa C. Nakman, argued on behalf of the State.

Four injured in
car-van collision

Mysuru, May 19- Four persons were severely injured in a head-on collision between a car and a van near Royal Function Hall on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road here on Friday night.

The accident took place when a Maruti Swift car coming to the city from Bengaluru was hit by a speeding van coming in the opposite direction.

All the four persons travelling in the Swift car sustained severe injuries and were rushed to a private hospital in the city, it is learnt.

The front portion of the car was badly mangled in the mishap.

N.R. Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

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Multi-level parking lot work at Town Hall still in limbo

A view of the incomplete two-wheeler parking area in the Town Hall premises.

The unused parking lot presents a scene of utter neglect.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, May 19- The work on the multi-level parking lot in the Town Hall premises to ease the problem of parking in the heart of the city continues to be in limbo, even after seven years of commencing of the construction, thus inviting the ire of the public over this enormous delay.

The whole place is filled with mounds of rubble presenting an ugly sight to the visitors to this historic, cultural and tourist-attraction city, especially with the Mysore Palace situated right next door. One wonders what the elected people's representatives and the officials of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) are doing to solve the problem that is plaguing this project.

On the one hand the influx of tourists including foreign ones is increasing day by day and as a result the density of vehicles entering the city is also going up. This is causing parking problems in the Central Business District (CBD) where there are many tourist attractions located.

Realising the gravity of the situation, the Hyderabad-based Chabria Associates was given the contract worth Rs.18.28 crore to construct the multi-level parking lot in the Town Hall premises. **The ground-breaking ceremony was performed on April 11, 2011 and the project was to be completed by April 2012.** However, it remains incomplete even after all these years which shows the utter disregard by elected representatives.

The contract was bagged by Chabria Associates through tender process. Though the work on the Raja Marga and the multi-level parking began at the same time, it progressed at a snail's pace, as the contractor kept giving the excuse of shortage of sand.

Since the MCC officials put pressure, he was not able to complete the work for the rate fixed. And he started demanding escalation in cost. He also promised that once the work on the Raja Marga is completed he would take up the multi-level parking work. But the City Corporation had rejected this move.

Meantime, the contractor quietly moved back to Hyderabad leaving the project in a limbo. Hence, Chabria Associates was blacklisted.

Multi-level parking: The multi-level parking is being constructed in a 6,000 sq.ft area. Pillars are being used for the two-tier construction. Nearly 700 cars and 500 two-wheelers can be parked here. The rooftop of the multi-level parking will have an open air theatre and a Ranga Mantap and the work on this is almost complete. However, the work on the parking lot where cars will be parked is 80 percent complete but the work on the two-wheeler parking has come to a complete standstill with just pillars standing and no support walls.

The entry and exit ramp works to the parking lot have also been completed but since the other work is incomplete it cannot be used. When it rains the water in the first and the second tier gets collected in a pit specially constructed for the purpose.

There was a ditch in the same place earlier where the multi-level parking lot is coming up. A few years back, a KSRTC conductor had died under mysterious circumstances falling into the ditch. The drainage from here led to the neighbouring Dr. Rajkumar Park and it is said that it has been blocked thus causing water-logging at times.

The Town Hall premises on North side stands exposed as there is no compound near Gandhi Square.

Temporarily used

During the last Dasara celebrations, the incomplete multi-level parking lot was used for parking vehicles. This move had somewhat eased the situation for those who had come to watch the various programmes in the Mysore Palace.

Rs.10.86 crore payment

The Mysuru City Corporation has already paid Rs.10.86 crore to Chabria Associates. The bills related to the work have been cleared at various times.

However, the contractor was adamant that he could not complete the work due to the escalation in cost of raw materials, stalled the work and disappeared, which has caused problems for the MCC.

Steps to complete the work

The MCC, which had blacklisted Chabria Associates in 2016, decided to give the contract on piece work basis to complete the multi-level parking lot construction in 2017. A local contractor was assigned the work. Two pillars had been erected where the two-wheelers have to be parked.

However, Chabria Associates has brought a stay order. The Court has stayed saying that except their company no other contractor is eligible to take up the work. Since there is a stay order, the work has come to a grinding halt.

The open air theatre on the roof top of the multi-level parking in Town Hall premises.

Den for illegal activities

Town Hall has turned into a den for illegal activities. There are two security guards posted in two shifts each. Out of them, one is in charge of security for the Town Hall building and the premises, while the other is in charge of Dr. Ambedkar statue and the upcoming multi-level parking premises.

However, the Town Hall is exposed to all kinds of elements since there is no compound on the side where the Garuda Mall has come up and there is easy access from the Gandhi Square side also because of the same reason. The iron railings opposite the HOPCOMS are also bent where the people can easily enter the premises. Thus this place has become a haven for drug addicts, rag pickers, and nuisance is created by people who consume liquor and throw away the empty bottles.

"Town Hall which has such a rich and historic past must be saved from such anti-social elements. Compound on all sides and proper security arrangements to prevent such illegal activities is very essential and the City Corporation must open its eyes to take steps immediately," said a concerned citizen speaking to *Star of Mysore*.

Pujas, concerts, felicitations to mark

76th birthday of Sri Ganapathy Swamiji

Parakala Swamiji to inaugurate week-long celebrations tomorrow

Parakala Swamiji *Sri Ganapathy Swamiji*

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Mysuru, May 19- Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji's 76th birthday festivities will be held from May 20 to May 27 at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama in Dattanagar here under the auspices of Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetha.

The celebrations coincide with the 19th Brahmotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetra and 20th Anniversary of Nada Mantapa. Daily programmes at 8 am include Srichakra Puja and Maha Ganapathi Homa.

May 20 (Sunday) 6 pm: Inauguration of festivities by Srimad Abhinava Vageesha Brahmatantra Swatantra Parakala Mahadeshikan, Sri Parakala Swamy Mutt, Mysuru.

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji and Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji graces the occasion.

May 21 (Monday) 9 am: Brahmotsava festivities at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple; **6.30 pm -** Hindustani vocal concert by **Jayateerth Mevundi.**

May 22 (Tuesday) 10 am: Chaitanya Archana; Conferring of Datta Peetha titles, Veda Nidhi - V. Ganeshan, Tirupati; Shastra Nidhi - Ch. S.N. Murthy, Sringeri; Nada Nidhi - Vid. S. Shankar, Bengaluru; Asthana Vidwan - Sri PrabhakarJogalekar, Ratnagiri; Asthana Vidwan - Sri Ganti Dattatreya Shastry, Kanchipuram; Asthana Vidwan - Manda Sudharani, Karnatak vocal, Vishakapatnam; Vishwa Bandhu - Kamal Jain, Nepal; Sasya Bandhu - Prajakta Kale, Pune; **6.30 pm -** Jugalbandi concert - Nada Nidhi Kadri Gopalnath on Saxophone and Vid. Pravin Godkhindi on Flute.

May 23 (Wednesday) 9 am: Inauguration of Books and discourse by Sri Tridandi Chinna Srimannarayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji; **6.30 pm -** Special Music programme by **Vidu. Bindu Subramaniam, Vid. Ambi Subramaniam** and **Vid. Mahesh Raghavan.**

May 24 (Thursday) 9 am: Symposium on Sachchidananda Neeti Mala; **6.30 pm-** Teppotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Swamy in Saptarshi Sarovara.

May 25 (Friday) 9 am: Brahmotsava Abhisheka to Sri Datta Venkateshwara Swamy; **6.30 pm -** Karnatak Music by **Vid. Mysore Nagaraj** and **Vid. Abhishek Raghuram, Vid. Kaaraikudi Mani -** mridanga, **Vid. Yogesh Samshi -** tabla, **Vid. Giridhar Udupa-** ghata.

May 26 (Saturday) 9 am: 76th birthday celebrations of Sri Swamiji; **10 am -** Annual Gnana Bodha Sabha Conference; **6 pm -** Divya Nama Sankeertana by Sri Swamiji.

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Vikram Muthanna

Gods, Resorts & President's Rule?

We are blessed to have such benevolent leaders who are fighting so hard to get an opportunity to serve us! If you are not in this denial and have a sense of reality, then it is clear they are fighting to "rule" us, not serve us.

They want to rule because a ruler takes what he wants from both the land and its people. But when citizens don't vote, or vote based on caste and cash, how can we expect to have a visionary Statesman as our leader? Our politicians are a reflection of us.

Our leaders, as a last resort, rush to Resorts. In 2004, when the JD(S) was trying to form the government after ditching the Congress, H.D. Kumaraswamy took his MLAs to a resort. In 2009, BJP leaders were ferried to Goa. In 2018, it's Hyderabad. Now, apart from confining leaders to a resort there is news of abduction! What next? Elimination? Or run to Gods?

Speaking of Gods, when B.S. Yeddyurappa's *kurchi* was being shaken, he visited Kukke Subramanya temple and performed *sarpadosha yaga,* a puja to the Snake God who, according to a priest, had cursed the then Chief Minister. Looks like that puja didn't work. Ten years later the Snake God is still upset with Yeddy, it seems. May be, Yeddy should do puja to H.D. Deve Gowda (HDD), who can grant him his wish of becoming CM.

Oh! is HDD the real Snake God?! Remember, Lalu Prasad Yadav called him a "Cobra"? But later the same Lalu joined hands with HDD and when he was reminded that he had called HDD a cobra he replied, "A cobra is a source of strength. With him on our side, we'll sting the Opposition." Yes, HDD has the sting that every party needs today.

Back in 2009, it was funny that while the then wobbly Chief Minister Yeddy ran to the Gods to make his *kurchi* more stable he had given up the Muzrai portfolio, the Ministry that cares for temples, because it is considered unlucky! Ironic that while the CM wants the Gods to take care of him he did not want to take care of Gods' temples.

Now both the parties are praying for the same thing, and God is bound to disappoint one of them. So is God's solution a re-election? Or is that what BJP wants?

Because now that the image of the JD(S) has been tarnished and the desperation of the Congress has been furnished, is the BJP hoping the voters have been convinced? Convinced that BJP deserves their vote like in 2008.

Today, as BJP is tested on the floor of the house, it has two options. Either it can try and bring down the halfway mark to 104 or 105 by 'managing' enough abstentions from the JD(S) and the Congress; or it can woo and bring at least seven MLAs over to its fold in order to reach the magic number of 112.

If all attempts fail, the State would be brought under President's Rule and a fresh election for the Assembly could be held very close to the general election.

Ah! Four birds with one stone! One — if there is re-election, BJP has a better chance of winning because both the parties, JD(S) and Congress, are financially very weak to fight a re-election so soon after having fought a very expensive election.

Two — Congress will be out of Karnataka too, which goes with the Congress-*Mukt Bharat* agenda of BJP.

Three — JD(S) could slip into insignificance as now it's a party that is tainted as one that cannot be trusted and is financially weak.

Four — The general election will be too close after the re-election, which is advantage BJP.

Even if JD(S) and Congress form the government, it is unlikely they will last the full term and elections will come early.

If this happens, Amit Shah deserves to be called the 'Chanakya' and the 'Shah' of Indian Political Chess. Incidentally, he was the Chess Association President of Gujarat.

Also by forcing Congress to approach the Supreme Court, where it got a favourable verdict, the BJP has not only proved that they cannot influence the Supreme Court but has also left the Congress, which wanted the Chief Justice impeached just a few weeks ago, embarrassed.

Now while our leaders are busy between Gods and Resorts, how is the State functioning? Well, thanks to officers. Yes, that is why government officers and bureaucrats are so powerful — they run the State.

Despite the political chaos in the State, our transportation is unaffected, there is water in our taps, garbage is being collected, and Government offices are functioning. That is why they are called the iron frame of Indian democracy.

Now, no matter who wins, we lose. If the people of Karnataka did not learn from 2004 and 2009, we deserve to suffer irresponsible and erratic leaders.

They say everything is fair in love and war. And these days politics is war. And war has collateral damage…we, the citizens, are that damage.

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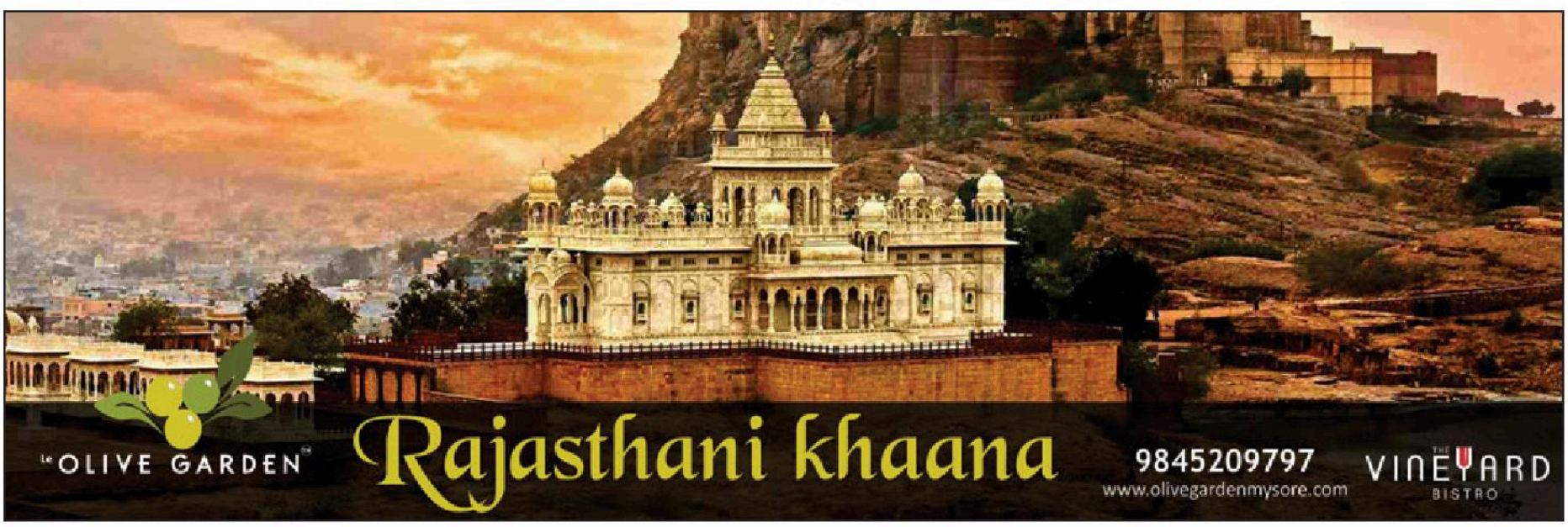

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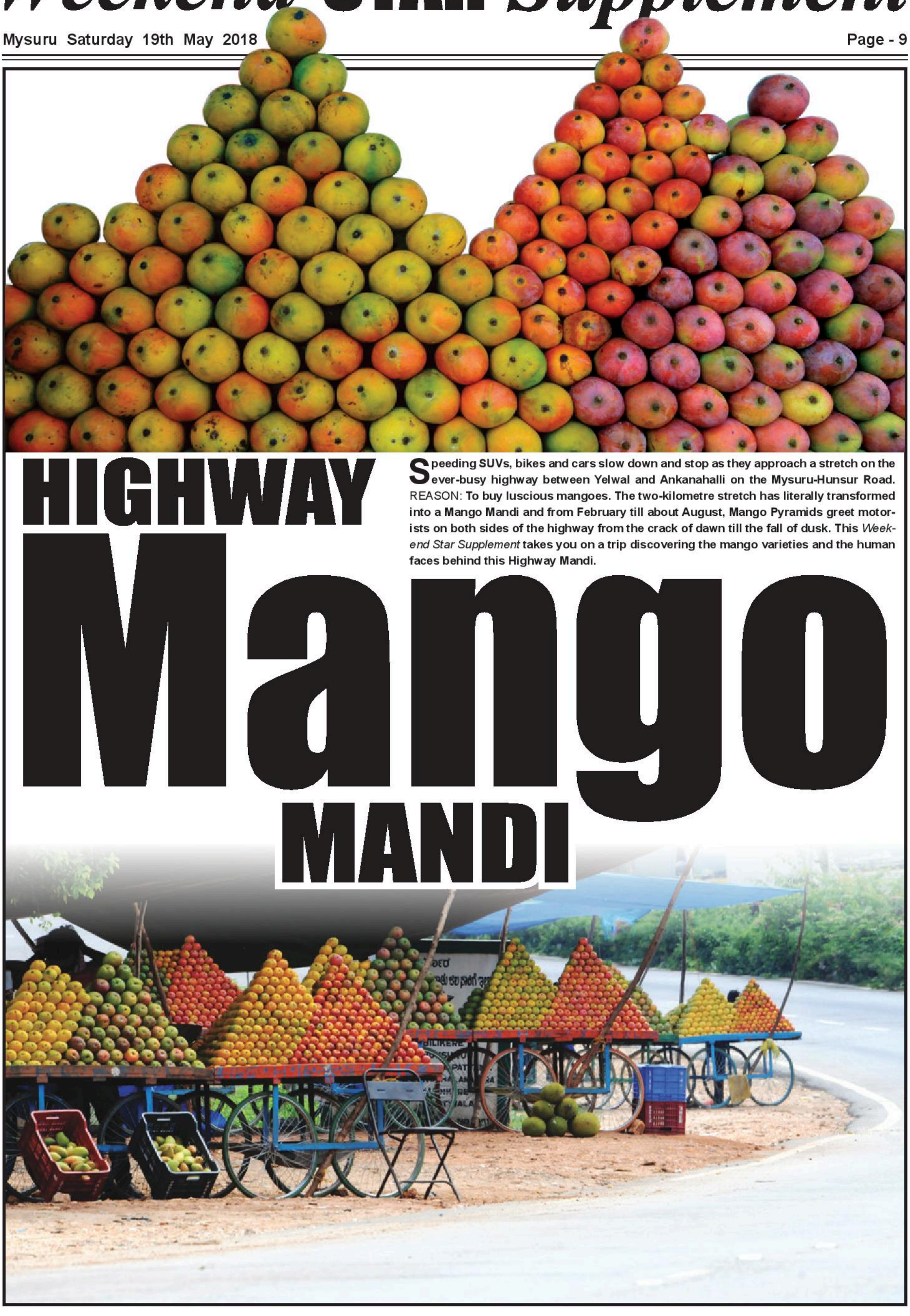

HIGHWAY Mango MANDI

Speeding SUVs, bikes and cars slow down and stop as they approach a stretch on the ever-busy highway between Yelwal and Ankanahalli on the Mysuru-Hunsur Road. REASON: To buy luscious mangoes. The two-kilometre stretch has literally transformed into a Mango Mandi and from February till about August, Mango Pyramids greet motorists on both sides of the highway from the crack of dawn till the fall of dusk. This *Weekend Star Supplement* takes you on a trip discovering the mango varieties and the human faces behind this Highway Mandi.

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King of Fruits rules Hunsur Highway

Vendors and their assistants on the Mysuru-Hunsur Highway near Nagavala adopt attractive ways to lure customers to their mango-laden carts. One among them is saluting and waving to motorists and inviting them to taste the fruit before buying. Some even go to the middle of the road to divert vehicles towards their carts.

By V. Shourabh

Summer is incomplete without mangoes and it is that time of the year where other fruits are sidelined and mango is placed at the top of fruit varieties. No wonder mango is called 'The King of Fruits'. Even in Vedas, mango is described as the food of Gods. And there is nothing like a bowl of fresh-cut, juicy and sweet mango slices on a sunny summer day. It is soul-soothing.

Mango markets within the city by-lanes are flooded with varieties of mangoes and those who want to go on a long drive to buy the fruits can choose the Mysuru-Madikeri-Bantwal Highway instead of buying them in narrow lanes and by-lanes.

The moment one crosses Hinkal and proceeds towards Yelwal and beyond, it is a pleasant sight as mango sellers all along the stretch have their mangoes neatly decorated in patterns on their carts by both the sides of the road, attracting travellers. This pleasing sight of several carts over a two-kilometre stretch from Yelwal to Ankanahalli is something that catches attention. It tempts them to stop by and buy fresh mangoes.

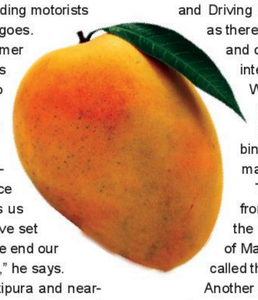
No wonder, anything that is aesthetically pleasing to eyes (especially food) triggers a hormone in the brain and the human mind conspires to have a bite at it. *Star of Mysore* interacted with some of the mango sellers on that Highway and got an insight about their business, life and problems. Attracting customers and finalising a deal with them is an art for these sellers.

Customers make their choice. The choice is between ripe mangoes that they can consume right away or semi-ripe fruits that they can take home.

A mango orchard with trees full of fruits on Hunsur Road.

Basavaraj Naik (purple shirt) at his makeshift shop on the highway.

Basavaraj Naik, a resident of Nagavala village, and his cousins have several mango carts setup on that highway. They have various varieties of mangoes stacked up on their carts in the shape of pyramids. The colourful green, orange, yellow and red mangoes are neatly placed on carts on both the sides of the Highway and speeding motorists stop by to savour the fleshy and juicy mangoes.



Basavaraj Naik says, "When summer comes, our business grows because it is the season of mangoes. People love to eat mangoes and we make sure we give them the best fruits. We sell varieties of mangoes like Badami, Malagova, Neelam, Rasapuri, Thotapuri, Baganapalli, Sindoora, Alphonso, etc. I'm into this business since about 4 years and selling mangoes brings us a good profit. I, along with my cousins, have set up mango carts starting from March and we end our mango sales by around August every year," he says.

"We get our fruits from Nagavala, Benkipura and nearby villages. People who know the real value of taste and quality come and buy mangoes in huge quantity from us. We sell natural mangoes without using any chemicals to ripen them. This has spread through the word of mouth and people from various walks of life come over to buy these fruits," he adds.

Life for these sellers has been a challenging one as they have to buy mangoes from landlords for a price and then later they have to sell them at a reasonable price and make profits. Basavaraj says, "We manage to make minimal profits on some days and when our stars are good, we make good profits on particular days. We cannot predict our sales. It varies each different day. During off season, to earn my livelihood I work as an agent to make PAN cards and Driving Licenses. We have a lot of competition too as there are nearly 50 such fruit carts in this highway and our presentation of the mangoes and how we interact with the customers plays a major role. We have boys who salute and wave at every passing car and try to grab their attention. But every cart owner here has his way of grabbing attention. Life isn't easy. But somehow we make a living."

The average price of mangoes here ranges from Rs. 80 to Rs. 160 per kg depending on the variety. They also sell the sweetest variety of Mango which is more famous in Northern India called the 'Apoos' that is sold at about Rs. 200 per kg.

Another seller, **Sachin**, says, "During mango season I sell mangoes. Otherwise, I sell oranges, sapota and pomegranates. It is very difficult to make a sale over here. Customers first enquire about the rates with the nearby carts and then they come back, taste a slice of the mango and only after they are convinced, they bargain. They do not negotiate until we bring down prices. If not, they threaten us that they will go to the next cart. In order to not lose out on a customer, we make a reasonable compromise."

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Sachin displaying varieties of mangoes in pyramid formation on his push cart .

Pics by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav

Dreaming Big...

Byrappa posing in front of his mango cart along the Hunsur highway.

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Just like a mango seed which is nurtured, watered and taken care of over the years to reap sweet fruits, a young boy is nurturing his dreams here on the Mysuru-Bantwal Highway.

Amidst all the sellers, there is one enthusiastic small chirpy boy, who with his cheerful broad smile and talkative nature captures the attention of customers. **Byrappa,** who is a student in the nearby Yelwal high school, makes use of his summer vacations to sell mangoes in order to support his family.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* he says, "I usually help my family in selling fruits whenever I find some free time. But during summer vacations, I spend my entire time selling mangoes. I love this period. I get to talk to various people and I love interacting with them and get to learn many things. I learn about the various aspects of business along with life, its struggles, and the value of money. I just passed my 9th standard and will be going to 10th in about a few days. I am excited. Earlier I was not keen about continuing my education. Now I have a dream, I watch Police-based movies and those have inspired me a lot. I now want to study well and become a Police inspector."

Rama and Laxman speak volumes about why mango is the best food during summer and how people are crazy about eating them. Rama says, "We get our mangoes from various parts of Tamil Nadu. Many cars stop by our cart and they buy mangoes. Many people consume it just because of its taste. But it is also a healthy fruit which has a lot of fibre in it." He adds, "We get mangoes in trucks on a daily basis. We make good profits during this season. In other seasons, we sell apples, tender coconuts and other fruits. The fruit stays good for about 10 to 12 days. If it gets a little rotten, we feed it to our cattle."

Rahul, one of the customers who along with his family stopped by to buy mangoes says, "Whenever I go towards Mangaluru from Mysuru, I make sure I buy a good amount of various varieties of mangoes from here. Over the course of the next ten days, my family eats mangoes along with breakfast, lunch and dinner. It's difficult to imagine life without mangoes."

Mariswamy Naika who has been in the same business on the same highway for about 20 years says, "I get these mangoes from Nagavala, Bommanahalli and its surroundings. I generally start my sales as early as February. Though juicy mangoes will not be available at that time, I sell Thotapuri and raw mangoes. By mid-March I get almost other varieties of mangoes and then the sales hit a high."

"I also sell fresh jackfruits to customers. On a daily basis, almost 100 to 150 cars or customers stop by at almost each cart within this two-kilometre stretch. The reason why we have setup our carts on this highway is that many people who are travelling towards Madikeri or Mangaluru pick up a bag or two of mangoes."

What makes this fruit so special is its taste, probably even the shape, but most importantly, it is available only for over 100-odd days in a year.

The next time you feel a sweet tooth, or a craving, start early, get on a bike or a car, enjoy a long ride with your loved ones on the Hunsur highway, stop by one of the mango stores, relish the fruits and buy some for home.

Brothers Laxman (left) and Rama waiting for customers.

Mariswamy Naika arranging the mangoes in a pyramid shape.

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Live streaming of Trust Vote

SC allows BJP's K.G. Bopaiah to continue as Pro-tem Speaker

New Delhi, May 19- Live-streaming of the Karnataka floor test is the best way to ensure transparent proceedings, the Supreme Court (SC) said this morning, rejecting a Congress petition to remove BJP's K.G. Bopaiah as interim Speaker (Pro-tem Speaker) for Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa's trust vote later today.

The Congress had asked the SC last evening to cancel Bopaiah's appointment by Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala. The party today raised questions in Court about fairness in the trust vote under Bopaiah, given his track record of helping Yeddyurappa survive a floor test in 2010.

"Just giving oath is fine but if Bopaiah has to supervise trust votes, it's a problem," senior lawyer and Congress leader Kapil Sibal said.

The Congress also argued that he is not the senior-most law-maker in the House. The Court said there had been instances in the past when the Pro-tem Speaker was not the senior-most.

On Sibal's argument on Bopaiah's past record, the Court replied: "If you (Sibal) are casting aspersions on Pro-tem Speaker, then we will have to issue notice to him and postpone the floor test." The Court termed as "fair" the suggestion of Governor Vajubhai Vala's lawyer that the floor test be telecast live.

Responding to Justice Sikri's question on who will oversee the floor test, Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said: "Floor test will be telecast live by local channels. What more transparency do they need? Cameras would be by the channels."

Justice Sikri responded: "Videography of the floor test will serve the purpose. They are giving access to all local channels. Now let us enjoy our holidays. Our problem is solved."

"We may place on record the statement by Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for State and Governor, that there would be live telecast of the proceedings in the Legislative Assembly in respect of the floor test. Secretary of Legislative Assembly will record the floor test and provide live feed to several local channels which will simultaneously telecast the footage. Mehta states several local channels have been permitted to get the feed. No other item on the agenda will be taken up during the trust vote," the Court said.

Rapid Action Force commandos guarding the gates of Vidhana Soudha ahead of today's crucial Trust Vote.

BSY's Floor Test at 4 pm

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The session started with the singing of the national song, *Vande Mataram*, following which Bopaiah welcomed and congratulated the members elected to the 15th Assembly and started administering the oath to them. Bopaiah read out the procedures to be followed during the oath-taking of the members.

Before this, the Speaker appointed a five-member Speaker Panel under Rule 9 of the Constitution. The panel comprised three members from BJP (Suresh Kumar, Vishveshwar Hegde Kageri and Basanagouda Patil Yatnal), one each from Congress (Ramalinga Reddy) and JD(S) (H.K. Kumaraswamy).

Later, Yeddyurappa took the oath first, followed by Congress Legislature Party leader and his predecessor Siddharamaiah. Then the other members started taking oath in batches of five one after the other. JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy took oath as Channapatna MLA and will resign from Ramanagaram constituency. At 1.30 pm (when we went to the Press), the Assembly was adjourned till 3.30 pm.

As per the Apex Court's directions, the Police have made massive security arrangements in and around the Vidhana Soudha, the seat of the State Legislature, for the smooth conduct of the floor test.

Public entry to the Vidhana Soudha has been restricted, and officials and staff of the Secretariat are being allowed to enter the premises after thorough checks.

"Elaborate security arrangements have been made at the Secretariat and the nearby Legislators' Home to facilitate smooth conduct of the Assembly proceedings for the floor test," Director General of Police Neelamani Raju said.

MLAs missing

Congress MLAs Anand Singh (Vijayanagar - Hospet) and Pratap Gowda Patil (Maski) were allegedly kept captive in Gold Finch Hotel in Bengaluru. A team of Police officials, led by Additional Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh, arrived at the hotel and sought clarification from the hotel authorities. Along with the two Congress MLAs, BJP's Somasekhar Reddy (Bellary) too was missing from the morning proceedings.

Six luxury hotels used for Resort politics

• Bengaluru Resort charges Congress Rs.11.2 lakh for two days
• Who will foot the bill for other hotels is not yet clear

Bengaluru, May 19 (BCT)- The two-day stay at Eagleton Golf Resort has cost the Congress a whopping Rs.11.2 lakh. Interestingly, this time, instead of some anonymous individuals or dubious companies footing the bill, the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has paid the hospitality charges. Thanks to a fractured mandate, this time, Congress and JD(S) used six luxurious hotels in Karnataka and Hyderabad to prevent its MLAs from being poached.

For the last two days, the Congress and JD(S) MLAs enjoyed the stay at Eagleton, complete with massage and other luxurious facilities, on the outskirts of Bengaluru. While on Wednesday morning, 102 rooms were blocked, later in the day, 75 rooms were booked.

"Since the resort had other guests and there were a good number of pre-bookings, only 75 rooms could be given to the MLAs," said a source at the resort.

While the senior party leaders were staying in Bengaluru, the MLAs, predominantly from outside of the city were holed up at the resort. According to sources, food was arranged in-house. On Thursday night, the MLAs were vacated and moved to three star hotels in Hyderabad, after Police security was withdrawn from Eagleton.

It is not yet clear how much the Congress and the JD(S) have paid for three luxury hotels in Hyderabad. The lawmakers stayed at Taj Krishna, Hotel Novotel and The Grand Hyatt. Party sources said that the Grand Hyatt and Hotel Novotel is owned by Congress politicians.

In Bengaluru too, the JD(S) lawmakers stayed at Hotel Shangri-La at Vasanth Nagar.

After coming from Hyderabad this morning, the Congress Legislators were led to Hotel Hilton and JD(S) MLAs were housed at Le Meridian. Not to be left behind, the BJP had its Legislative meeting at Shangri-La before all the MLAs were taken to the Assembly for the Session.

Apart from the resort charges, it is not clear who is footing the travel charges from Bengaluru to Hyderabad and back to Bengaluru. The Congress and JD(S) had hired over six luxury sleeper buses from SRS Travels and Orange Travels to ferry the lawmakers. While three buses were used to carry the MLAs, three buses were used as a decoy. This apart, many SUVs were hired to carry bouncers and private security guards to protect the MLAs from being poached.

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Lacuna in framing of rules for Education and Administration

7-member Expert Panel constituted for Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music Varsity

Hunsur, May 19 (KK&NNN)- A seven-member Expert Committee has been constituted to formulate rules and regulations for the reforms in education and administration of the ten-year-old Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University in Mysuru, said Registrar (Administration) Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote.

He was addressing a press conference after visiting the study centre of the University here on Thursday and said that he had taken charge as the Registrar of the Music University very recently.

"It is sad to note that even after ten years of the existence of the Music University there is no development or progress. Hence, to bring about a change in the administration the rules and regulations have to be amended for which an Expert Committee has been formed," he said.

The Chairman for this committee is the Vice-Chancellor of the Music University. The other members are: Bangalore University former Vice-Chancellor Prof. H.A. Ranganath, Davangere University former Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Indumathi, Gulbarga University former Vice-Chancellor Prof. S.L. Hiremath, Bangalore Law College Dean Prof. Sudesh, Hampi Kannada University Fine Arts Department Dean Prof. Ashok Kumar Ranjere and Hyderabad Central Institute of Foreign Languages, Translation Department Head Dr. Tarakeshwar. The Registrar (Administration) of the Music University will be the Member-Secretary, he said.

There is also a provision for inviting Music and Performing Arts scholars as subject experts and seek their suggestions and opinions, he added.

The University will function based on the rules and regulations framed with relation to education and administration. However, in the rules formulated there are a few lacunas and it has to be amended according to the present day requirements, said Dr. Bettakote.

Vocal, instrumental, dance, drama and performing arts departments have already been established. However, in performing arts, music, dance and drama are included. Hence, there is no need for a separate Performing Arts Department. Also under this department Costumes, Animation, Humanities, Indian Arts and Cultural History Departments have been included. Except performing arts all other subjects have been included here, he said.

The Vice-Chancellor of Music University is the Chairman of the Panel with Bangalore University former VC Prof. H.A. Ranganath, Davangere University former VC Prof. S. Indumathi, Gulbarga University former VC Prof. S.L. Hiremath, Bangalore Law College Dean Prof. Sudesh, Hampi Kannada University Fine Arts Dean Prof. Ashok Kumar Ranjere and Hyderabad Central Institute of Foreign Languages, Translation Department Head Dr. Tarakeshwar as Members.

Humanities is a very broad department and all the subjects related to our daily lives and environment come under its limits. But it was necessary to classify it under Performing Arts. Likewise translation does not become Performing Arts and even this has been included here. For instance, Costumes Department should have come under Drama or Theatre Departments, he said.

Subjects like Museums and Translation Departments have been included under Sangeeta Shastra Department. Research which is very important in any University has been included in the same department, whereas it should be a separate department, he noted.

In the Drama Department, no other department has been included and no explanation has been given in this regard. If any institution has to progress its foundation has to be strong. Only if the Departments are scientifically formed can the new courses be formulated, said Dr. Bettakotte explaining the functioning of a proper Music University.

UGC Chairman is Syndicate Member: The University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman or his nominee and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) Director General have been nominated as Syndicate Members of Music University. However, none of them have attended a single meeting so far.

The Vice-Chancellor, the Secretaries of Higher Education, Revenue and Kannada and Culture Departments or their Nominees are Permanent Members. Two Experts related to Performing Arts will be Governor's Nominees and the Government appoints four Nominees which include two from General Category, one woman and one from Backward Classes, Minorities or SC/ST, he said.

In the traditional Universities like Mysore, Bangalore or Mangalore, the UGC Chairman and ASI Director General have not been nominated as Members. Besides the UGC Chairman coming to attend the meetings from Delhi is too far-fetched. Hence, such moves have been dropped, Dr. Bettakote said.

Former Syndicate Member of Music University C.R. Himamshu told *Star of Mysore* that it is very surprising that no Expert with background of music and arts is an Expert Committee Member. Only a few former Vice-Chancellors and Deans who have administrative experience but hardly any knowledge of Music have been included in the Expert Committee. He also pointed out that there is no Karnatak Music Expert nominated to the Academic Council.

The term of Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar has ended and the Music Varsity also awaits a new VC like the Mysore Varsity.

JSS AHER signs MoU with Albany College of Pharmacy

Mysuru, May 19 - In order to promote the enhancement of their missions in the fields of research, teaching and learning, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru and Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Albany, New York, USA, signed an Affiliation Exchange agreement on May 16 at Albany New York, USA.

JSS AHER Vice-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh and Provost of Albany College of Pharmacy, Dr. Tarun Patel signed the MoU on behalf of their Universities respectively.

This agreement envisages co-operation between both the institutions involving student and faculty exchanges, besides co-operation in the areas of mutual interest.

GSSSIETW ties up with Kaaya Tech Inc.

To bridge Industry-Institution gap

Mysuru, May 19-A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed recently between GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru and Kaaya Tech Inc., Mysuru, to bridge the gap between Industry and Institution at GSSSIETW, Mysuru.

Kaaya Tech Inc is engaged in Business, Manufacturing and R&D Services in the fields of Human Machine Interface, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Smart Textiles, Internet of Things, Animation and related fields

The MoU is intended for technical co-operation between the Kaaya Tech Inc., Mysuru and the Department of ECE, GSSIETW and focus their efforts on co-operation within the area of Skill Based Training, Education and Research.

By signing this MoU, they have agreed to jointly organise faculty training programmes, internship programmes, job placements and guest lectures for students in order to bridge the skill gap and make them industry ready, through workshops and final year projects.

The MoU was signed by Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW and Harsha Kikkeri, CEO, Kaaya Tech Inc.

SSLC toppers felicitated

Mysuru, May 19 - India's leading Edtech company, Extramarks Education, had organised a function at Extramarks Smart Coaching Centre in city recently to felicitate the SSLC toppers.

About 50 students, who achieved under 100 rank in the Board examinations, were felicitated in the presence of their parents and Principal.

Extramarks has offered to provide scholarships to four students — M.S. Yashas, Adithi A. Rao, R. Keerthana and Shivani M. Bhat — for further education.

Speaking on the occasion, Karunn Kandoi, Director, Extramarks Education, said Extramarks would provide students mentorship and counselling to help realise their aspirations.

Extramarks has launched full-fledged classroom smart coaching centres across India, including Bengaluru, Belagavi, Shivamogga and Mysuru, according to a press release.

Ph.D degree awardees

Mysuru, May 19- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Electronics to **S. Rashmi** for her thesis '*Investigation of Safety Parameters of AC Transmission Line Using Wireless Sensor Network*' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Shankaraiah.

B. Nanjundaswamy has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis '*Chamarajanagara Jilla Adhunika Poorva Kannada Sahitya Adhyayana*' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M. Shankar.

Four Home Stay agents arrested for arm-twisting tourists

Kodagu SP warns of strict action if home stay middlemen force guests to opt for particular accommodation

Madikeri, May 19 (PS&BCT)- Added to the menace of mushrooming home stays (mostly illegal and unauthorised) in Kodagu and the intense competition to attract more and more guests, some home stay middlemen or agents are blackmailing and threatening the guests forcing them to take accommodation in particular home stays.

Several home stays have appointed middlemen and they target tourists who enter the district from various points. These middlemen, operating mostly in the nights, stop each and every private vehicle and ask the guests if they need accommodation. They knock the doors and window shields of the vehicle in their hunt for prospective customers.

These middlemen work on the basis of commission that is handed over by the home stays.

However, these bargaining tactics sometimes lead to arguments between the tourists and the middlemen. As there is stiff competition among the middlemen too, they indulge in one-upmanship to attract tourists to their home stays.

One such incident was reported on May 10 at 2 am when a tourist vehicle was stopped near the entrance of Madikeri town. The vehicle was stopped by a middleman and the tourists were taken to Fort View Hotel. However, as the tourists entered the hotel, one more middleman entered the scene and picked up a fight with the hotel staff.

The middleman, identified as Ashraf, scaled the walls of the hotel, picked up a fight with Juber, the manager of Fort View Hotel and accused him of poaching his guests who were originally headed to his home stay. In a complaint with the Madikeri Police, Juber has stated that Ashraf assaulted and threatened to kill him.

Following the incident, the Police had summoned other middlemen — K. Rajesh, Rizwan, M.H. Jainuddeen and Mustafa — to the Police Station and issued a strict warning not to harass tourists. Some tourists had complained to the Police that the middlemen behaved rudely with them in the middle of the night and they were threatened of dire consequences if they don't take up accommodation in particular home stays. But despite the Police warning, K. Rajesh, Rizwan, M.H. Jainuddeen and Mustafa were found loitering at the entry points to the city in the middle of the night and threatening the tourists to drive to particular home stays. They have been arrested and legal action has been initiated on them.

In a press statement, Kodagu SP Rajendra Prasad said that middlemen will be prevented from arm-twisting the tourists in the name of attracting them to home stays. "Let the tourists stay where they want. If such cases recur, the Police will take strict action against he accused," the SP added. He has asked the tourists to call Madikeri Police Stations and Control Rooms on the following numbers: 94808-04945 or 08272-229333 or 229330 in case home stay middlemen force them to opt for particular home stays.

SC approves Centre's Cauvery water sharing plan

New Delhi, May 19 - The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the Centre's draft Cauvery Water Management Scheme and asked the Government to notify and give effect to it before the "impending monsoon."

The three-Judge Bench of Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra and Justices A.M. Khanwilkar and D.Y. Chandrachud concluded that the draft scheme was in consonance with the Cauvery Water Tribunal's award, as modified by the Court on Feb.16, and was also in conformity with the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act of 1956. The Court also dismissed Tamil Nadu's plea seeking initiation of contempt against the Centre for non-finalisation of the Cauvery scheme.

Karnataka, which is facing political tug-of-war between BJP and Congress-JDS over government formation, had earlier made a failed bid to temporarily stall the finalisation of draft Cauvery Management Scheme. The scheme, once finalised, would deal with the issue of water share of the four States in different circumstances like normal and deficient water years in the Cauvery River basin.

Justice Khanwilkar, who authored the verdict, directed the Centre to take the scheme to its "logical end in accordance with the law with promptitude."

The Court dismissed objections raised by Kerala and Karnataka that the scheme encroached upon the States' authority to conserve and use the waters under the State List in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

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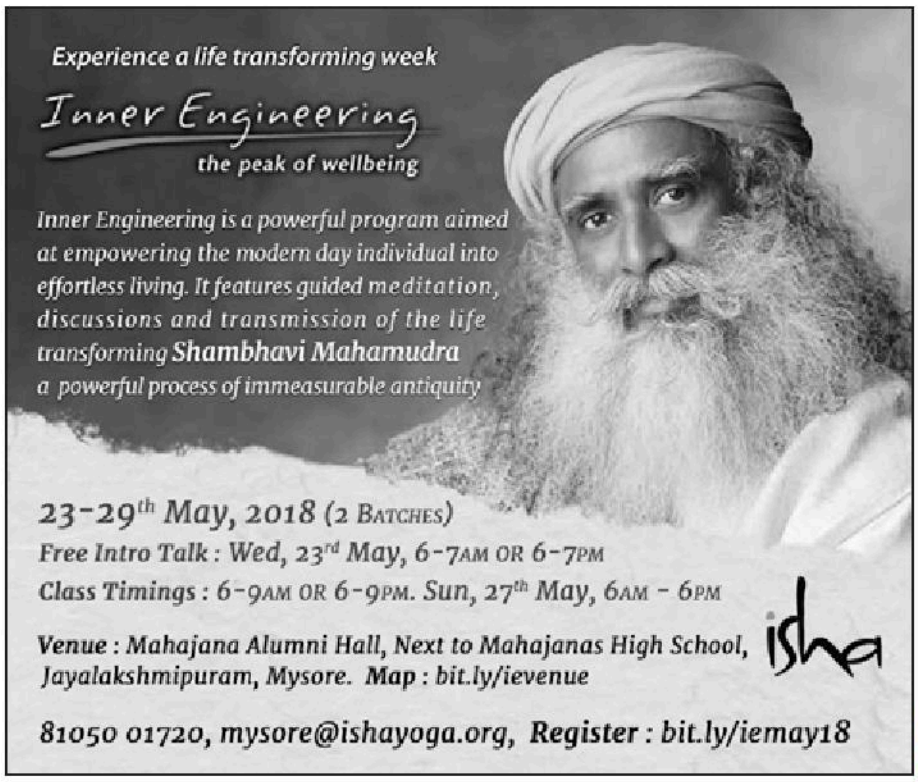
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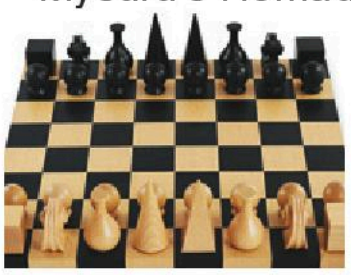
Karnataka State U-13 Girls Chess

Sanjana emerges sole leader

Mysuru's Hemadri in second place



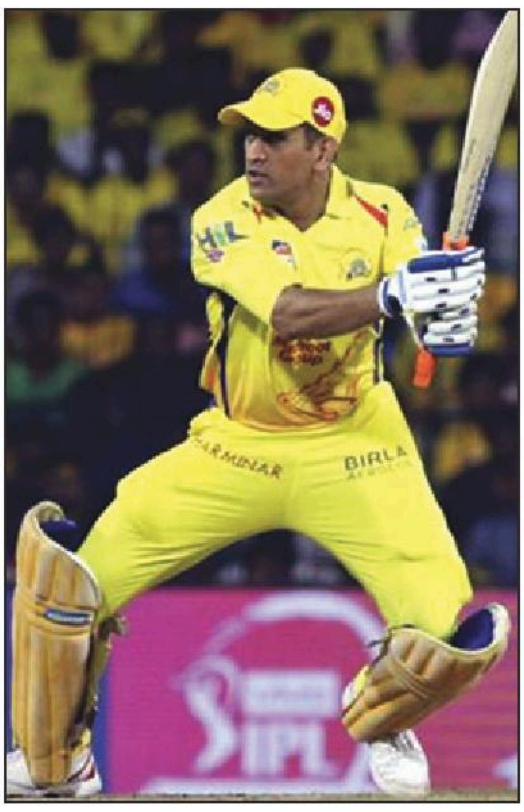
Shivamogga, May 19- Sanjana Raghunath with 5.5 points from six rounds emerged as the sole leader in the Karnataka State U-13 Girls Chess Championships 2018 held at Nalanda Chess Academy in Shivamogga yesterday.

Mysuru girl Hemadri Sathish with 5 points from 6 rounds is in the second place. She is followed by Manya (Kundapura - 5 points), Zoya Nazar (Bengaluru - 5 points), Archana S. Indrali (Dharwad - 5 points), M.R. Mridhini (Shivamogga - 5 points) and Dhnayatha Cory (Bengaluru - 5 points) and are placed from third to seventh in the rankings.

Mysuru's Prasiddhi Bhat (4 points - 17th place), Shatri Umesh (4 points - 22nd place), K.R. Sara (4 points - 23rd place), Vindya Sridhar (4 points-26th place), V. Deeksha (3.5 points - 31st place), Sharadhi Shastry (3.5 points - 38th place), K. Deeksha (3 points - 50th) and M. Dhrithi (2 points) fared well.

In the U-13 Open Boys Section, Samith Reddy of Bengaluru with 6 points from 6 rounds emerged as the sole leader. Shree Krishna Prasanna (DK - 5.5), H. Shiva Chethan (DK - 5.5), Komal Srivatsav (Bengaluru - 5), Abhudhay Santhosh (5), Tanav Sudharshan (Mandya - 5) are placed from second to sixth in the rankings. Mysuru's Vishwajith (4.5 - 24th), P. Karthik (4-37th), M.G. Prameeth (4 - 42nd) and N.C. Gambhir (3.5 - 64th) also fared well.

Dhoni becomes fifth Indian to score 6,000 runs in T20s



New Delhi, May 19- Mahendra Singh Dhoni added yet another feather to his glittering cap as the former India captain yesterday completed 6,000 runs in Twenty20s. Dhoni achieved the feat during CSK' IPL 2018 match against DD at Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium here on Friday.

Dhoni became the fifth Indian to complete 6000 runs in T20s. Suresh Raina (7708), Virat Kohli (7621), Rohit Sharma (7303) and Gautam Gambhir (6402) are the other Indian batsmen who have achieved the feat.

Dhoni needed 10 runs to enter the 6,000 club ahead of the Delhi Daredevils clash. The Chennai Super Kings skipper scored 17 runs before being dismissed by pacer Trent Boult.

The 36-year-old now has 6,007 runs to his name from 290 T20 matches.

West Indies' devastating batsman Chris Gayle is on top of the most runs list with 11,436 runs under his belt. The Jamaican has 21 centuries and 50 half-centuries to his name in T20s.

New Zealand's Brendon McCullum is second in the list with 9,119 runs in 335 matches at an average of 30.70.

Bowlers shine in Delhi Daredevils win over Chennai Super Kings

New Delhi, May 19- Bowlers finally delivered for Delhi Daredevils (DD) as they defended 162 and defeated Chennai Super Kings (CSK) by 34 runs at Feroz Shah Kotla yesterday.

Spinners led by Amit Mishra (2/20) and teenager Sandeep Lamicchane (1/21) got wickets at key intervals as Chennai's chase simply failed to take off.

Pacers Trent Boult (2/20) and Harshal Patel (1/23) — who contributed with the bat as well — helped Delhi seal the victory.

Chennai started the chase well with in-form Ambati Rayudu scoring yet another quickfire half-century off just 29 balls but his dismissal by Patel completely changed the game.

The pitch slowed down as well which made the batsmen's job even more difficult. Watson struggled, scoring 14 off 23 balls. Lamichhane got the wicket of dangerous Raina, whose form will be a worry for Chennai. Dhoni was still at the crease and it seemed he would guide the team home but Delhi bowlers bowled well.

Boult then removed Dhoni for a sluggish 17 off 23 balls. Mishra and Lamichhane tossed the ball and got it to spin. Mishra accounted for Billings and Watson.

In the end, it was a comfortable 34-run for the home side.

Earlier, put into bat, Delhi were helped by late blitzkriegs from Vijay Shankar and Patel to help reach 162/5.

Shankar (36 not out from 28 balls) and Patel (36 not out from 16) milked 26 runs off the final over from Dwayne Bravo to forge a 65-run sixth wicket stand — the highest of Delhi's innings — and rescue the hosts from a troubled start.

Delhi were off to a sluggish start before losing in-form opener Prithvi Shaw off a run-a-ball 17 in the fifth over with the scoreboard showing 24 runs.

Shaw, who received a reprieve a couple of balls earlier when Shardul Thakur dropped a simple catch off Ravindra Jadeja, failed to cash on it and fell to Deepak Chahar with Thakur making no mistake this time around.

Shaw's dismissal brought together the in-form duo of skipper Shreyas Iyer (19 from 22; 4x3) and Rishabh Pant (38 from 26; 4x3, 6x2) and the right-left combo forged a 54-run second wicket stand to stabilise Delhi's innings.

While Iyer played the more sedate innings, Pant looked at his aggressive best punishing veteran off-spinner Harbhajan Singh for two sixes and a four.

But as things started going smoothly Delhi's way, South African Lungi Ngidi jolted the hosts by packing back both Iyer and Pant in a span of four deliveries.

Back into the attack for his second over, Ngidi cleaned up Iyer with a skiddy short of length delivery before enticing Pant with a short ball, which resulted in a top edge into the safe hands of Bravo at third man.

Struggling at 81/3, Glenn Maxwell and Shankar were assigned to resurrect the innings but form continued to elude the Australian who found his leg stick walking with a straight delivery from left-arm spinner Jadeja.

Delhi immediately lost another wicket in rookie Abhishek Sharma (2), whose top edge found the safe hands of Harbhajan at mid-on. With half the side back in the hut at 97, Patel joined Shankar to strike a few lusty blows to take the side past the 150-run mark. Shankar started slowly before picking Bravo for some special treatment over the fence before Patel joined the party in the final over by clobbering the West Indian for three maximums.

Harshal Patel was chosen as the Player of the Match.

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Yesterday's Result

DD 162/5 (20 overs) beat **CSK** 128/6 (20 overs)

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Workshop on 'Renewable Energy'

Mysuru, May 19 (PM&US)- Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL), Mysuru Regional Office, in association with Paul Harris Vocational Training Centre of Rotary Mysore West had organised a workshop on 'Importance of solar energy and self-employment opportunities' at Rotary West auditorium in Saraswathipuram here this morning.

Delivering the keynote address, KREDL Project Engineer D.K. Dinesh Kumar explained the concepts of renewable energy through a power-point presentation.

He pointed that renewable energy like solar power would never deplete and should be harnessed efficiently to deal with power crisis.

He added that renewable energy usage would drastically bring down the global warming which was detrimental to environment.

District Industries Centre Joint Director H. Ramakrishnegowda inaugurated the workshop.

Rotary Mysore West President C.S. Ravishankar presided. Rachana Enercare Director Anil Kumar was also present.

District Industries Centre Joint Director H. Ramakrishnegowda is seen inaugurating the workshop by switching on a solar light.

Nudi Namana tomorrow,

condolence meet this evening

Mysuru, May 19- Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Dakshina Kannada Zilla Sangha and Innovative, Mysuru, have jointly organised a *Nudi Namana* programme in memory of late Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai (who passed away on May 2) at Vijaya Vittala College auditorium in Saraswathipuram tomorrow (May 20) at 10.30 am.

Meanwhile, a condolence meeting will be held today (May 19) at 4.30 pm at Teresian College Golden Jubilee auditorium in Siddarthanagar. Family members and friends of Dr. Satish Rai have requested the well-wishers to participate in large numbers and pray for the departed soul.

Departmental Exams begin

Mysuru, May 19 (PM&DM)- The Departmental Exam for Government Servants, conducted by Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC), began across the State today.

In Mysuru city, the exam is being held in three centres — Government Girls High School, Ashoka Road, N.R. Mohalla, Bifurcated Maharaja Junior College, Nazarbad and Government High School, Kailasapuram.

The exam will be held till May 31 on all days except on May 22.

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76th Birthday of
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19th Brahmotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Kshetra
20th Anniversary of Nada Mantapa
Daily programs : 8.00 am – Srichakra Pooja and Maha Ganapathi Homa

20.05.2018 – Sunday
6.00 pm - Inauguration of festivities by
Srimad Abhinava Vageesha Brahmatantra swatantra Parakala Mahadeshikan, Sri Parakala Swami Matha, Mysuru
Divine Presence:
Parama Pujya Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji
Pujya Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji

21.5.2018 – Monday
9.00 am - Brahmotsava festivities at Sri DattaVenkateshwara Temple
6.30 pm - Hindustani Vocal Concert by **JayateerthMevundi**

22.5.2018 – Tuesday
10.00 am – Chaitanya Archana :*Conferring DattaPeetha Titles* -
Veda Nidhi – **Sri V. Ganeshan,** Tirupati
ShastraNidhi – **Sri Ch.S.N. Murthy,** Sringeri
Nada Nidhi – **Vid. S. Shankar,** Bengaluru
Asthana Vidwan – **Sri Prabhakar Jogalekar,** Ratnagiri
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Asthana Vidwan – **Smt. MandaSudharani,** Carnatic Vocal, Vishakapatnam
Vishwa Bandhu – **Sri Kamal Jain,** Nepal
Sasya Bandhu – **Smt. Prajakta Kale,** Pune
6.30 pm - Jugalbandi Concert
Nada Nidhi **Kadri Gopalnath** on Saxophone and **Vid. Praveen Pravin Godkhindi** on Flute

23.5.2018 – Wednesday
9.00 am - Inauguration of Books and discourse by
Pujya Sri Tridandi Chinna Srimannarayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swamiji
6.30 pm - Special Music program by **Vidu.BinduSubramaniam, Vid. Ambi Subramaniam and Vid. Mahesh Raghavan**

24.5.2018 – Thursday
9 am – Symposium on Sachchidananda Neeti Mala
6.30 pm - Teppotsava of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Swamy in SaptarshiSarovara

25.5.2018 – Friday
9 am – Brahmotsava Abhisheka to Sri Datta Venkateshwara Swamy
6.30 pm – Carnatic Music by
Vid. Mysore Nagaraj and Vid. AbhishekRaghuram
Mridangam by **Vid.Kaaraikudi Mani,**
Tabla by **Vid.Yogesh Samshi,** Ghatam by **Vid. Giridhar Udupa.**

26.5.2018 – Saturday
9.00 am – *76th Birthday Celebrations* of Pujya Sri Swamiji
10 am – Annual Gnana Bodha Sabha Conference
6.00 pm - DivyaNamaSankeertana by ParamaPujya Sri Swamiji

27.5.2018 – Sunday
9 am – Distribution of charities, Samarpana by devotees
6.00 pm - Sampoorna Bhagavadgita Parayana

Venue : **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama,**
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ALL ARE INVITED

WORD OF THE DAY

Soiree

Pronunciation: swah-rey.

Meaning: An evening party or gathering; a musical soiree.

Origin: In English, soiree means "a fancy evening affair." The word comes directly from French and was formed from the word soir, meaning "evening" or "night." The French make a subtle distinction between soir, which refers explicitly to the time of day following sunset, and soirée, which refers to some duration of time, usually translated as "evening." English speakers don't use different words, but we understand the difference between "I'll see you tomorrow evening" and "We spent the evening playing cards"—one refers to a time of day and one refers to the passage of time. From the idea of a period of time evolved the second meaning of soirée: a party that takes place during the evening. As is typical for words that have been borrowed from modern French, soiree in English signifies the fancy version of a simple "party": an evening event that is formal or refined in some way. A third sense of soirée in French, "an evening performance," has a parallel with matinée, from matin "morning. " Matinée literally means "morning performance" in French but has come to mean "daytime or afternoon performance" in English. The "evening performance" meaning of soirée has not been adopted by English.

Example: Tirico stood there dumbfounded, and the woman turned and left the soiree.

THE ODD WORD

Erf

A plot of land.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A Bunch of Fives

Meaning: A fist or punch. The fives are the five fingers.

Origin: This phrase refers to the human fist where the bunch of fives literally point out to the five digits. It refers to boxing and how the five fingers come together for the same. Charles Westmacott used this phrase in his published work *'The English Spy'* in 1825: "With their bunch of fives." It is, however, debated that the phrase was coined four years earlier in another published work *'Boxiana'* by Pierce Egan. This cannot be proved since the work is no longer available. The argument remains strong though since the latter is a book based on boxing and hence the reference can be linked to it in a stronger manner. *Boxiana* is a classic work on boxing history and folklore, and just the place to look for such a reference, but it isn't easy to obtain copies of it these days, so that hasn't been confirmed here as yet.

QUOTE BOX

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

—Albert Einstein

RIDDLE THIS

I'm tall when I'm young, I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Answer: Candle / Pencil.

SUDOKU

3	6						2	8
	5		9		7		6	
4	3		1		2		9	6
2	9		8		4		5	1
	4		5		9		1	
9	1						7	3

Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	4	9	1	8	5	6	2
9	1	8	6	2	5	7	4	3
5	6	2	7	3	4	8	9	1
8	7	6	5	9	3	2	1	4
4	5	3	2	6	1	9	8	7
1	2	9	4	8	7	3	5	6
6	8	1	3	7	9	4	2	5
2	4	7	8	5	6	1	3	9
3	9	5	1	4	2	6	7	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

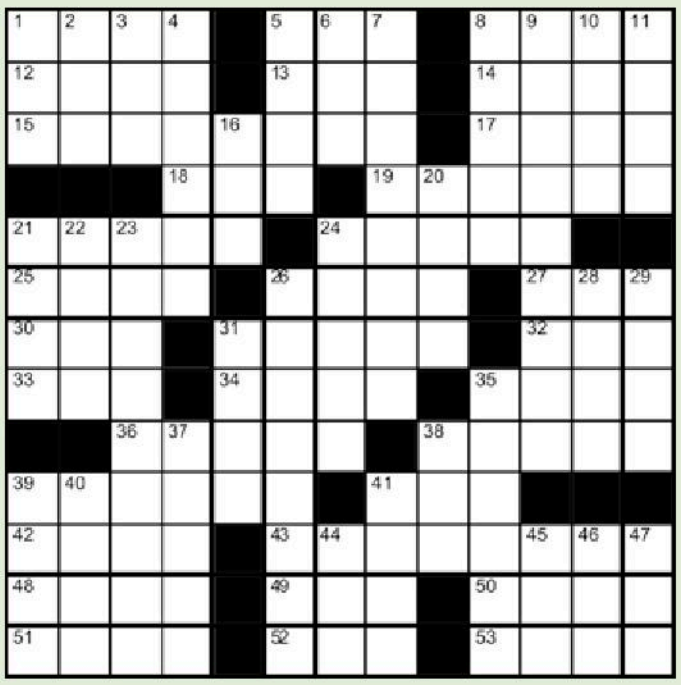
1 Secular; a layman
5 Beast of burden from the Biblical times?
8 Aviation Safety Reporting Sys.
12 Governess employed by Siamese King!
13 Musical twosome
14 Don't go on!
15 The Karate sticks?
17 Curly cabbage
18 Masculine pronoun
19 Three times?
21 Doctrine, dogma, conviction?
24 Outer covering for shoulders
25 ___ Lang Syne : days of long ago?
26 Mimic; one who copies slavishly?
27 Eco. Comm. of Europe
30 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
31 A market place in ancient Greece
32 ___ break: a piece of bad luck?
33 Turkish cap
34 Scientology founder, Hubbard (1,3)
35 Go with a long stride
36 Daisy-like flower
38 Man-made fibre
39 Refined, elegant or polished
41 Vim or vigour
42 A small hut
43 Three little words that mean a lot to a couple going steady? (1,4,3)
48 Title for a rich Gujarati, e.g.
49 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan
50 Not so much
51 Ketu's counterpart in Indian folklore?
52 Come into possession of
53 Clean with a mop or an absorbent pad

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	B	E	■	L	S	S	■	■	■	A	O	A
P	O	X	■	E	P	I	C	■	M	A	R	Y
E	N	O	R	M	I	T	Y	■	O	N	E	R
■	■	■	A	U	R	I	C	L	E	■	■	■
■	M	A	T	R	O	N	L	Y	■	L	I	A
H	A	R	T	■	■	S	E	E	K	I	N	G
A	N	G	E	R	■	■	S	I	E	G	E	■
H	O	U	D	I	N	I	■	■	M	I	L	D
A	R	E	■	P	O	S	T	P	O	N	E	■
■	■	■	A	E	O	L	I	A	N	■	■	■
G	L	I	B	■	S	E	A	P	O	R	T	S
N	A	R	C	■	E	T	R	E	■	S	U	E
U	S	K	■	■	■	S	A	R	■	A	G	E

DOWN

1 Local Area Network, abbr.
2 Music director Malik
3 Pub or local
4 Stored or hoarded in a secret place
5 Eve's hubby
6 Josef ___ : 1874–1935, Czech composer and violinist?
7 ____ India : Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, et al.?
8 Crooked, off-centre
9 Horse attendant
10 Move on wheels
11 "Seep" anagram for a famous German admiral
16 Concealed or screened, in a way?
20 ___ avis : the rare mythical bird?
21 Cow's offspring
22 Decoy, enticement or ploy
23 Reigning monarch of England
24 Track of wild animal
26 ___ with : suiting a person?
28 A pitch raising device for fretted instruments
29 Kolkata's ___ Gardens
31 Alternate
35 On a coat they turn back on the front?
37 Indian holyman, sage or ascetic
38 Increase the number of rotations per minute?
39 Now CIS
40 One of the ten satellites of Saturn
41 His literary work is not prosaic?
44 Alkali or alkaline solution
45 Evergreen tree
46 Order of St. Augustine
47 Computer port



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

U ZH IHS ORIS JDHJGD SH AD RXQDDRAGD, RF US

FRPDF YD SVD SQHKAGD HE GUMUIX SVDY

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The truth is more important than the facts.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Raambo 2	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Saddu	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Parthasarathi	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
HINDI			
The Past	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
B.A. Pass - 2	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Deadpool 2	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Naa Peru Surya...	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Mehbooba	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Irumbu Thirai	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Kaali	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
---	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
---	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
---	Lido	2420885	---
---	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	---

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Avengers: Infinity War (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.15 pm
Raazi (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	10.10 am
Raambo 2 (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am, 7.15 pm
Bhaskar Oru Rascal (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Irumbu Thirai (Ta)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
High Jack (H)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Naa Peru Surya... (Te)	(S-3)	12.55 pm
Kaali (Ta)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Mahanati (Te)	(S-3)	6.35 pm
Ee.Ma.Yau (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Deadpool 2 (E)	(S-4)	10 am, 12.30 pm, 2.55 pm
		7.30 pm, 9.55 pm
102 Not Out (H)	(S-4)	5.20 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE

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Raazi (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm
	(S-3)	12.35 pm, 9.50 pm
Deadpool 2 (E)	(S-2)	9.40 am, 12.10 pm, 4.50 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Avengers: Infinity War (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Raambo 2 (K)	(S-3)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Parthasarathi (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
102 Not Out (H)	(S-2)	2.40 pm
Mahanati (Te)	(S-3)	6.20 pm
Kaali (Ta)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Khajoor Pe Atke (H)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Bhaskar Oru Rascal (Ta)	(S-3)	3.20 pm
Ee.Ma.Yau (Ma)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

ZEE TV
6:00 pm Kaleerein
6:30 Kaleerein
7:00 Juzzbaatt
8:00 Superhit
9:00 Dance India Dance - Little Masters
10:30 Fear Files - Dar Ki Sacchi..

STAR PLUS
5:30 pm Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala
6:00 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai
6:30 Ikyawann
7:00 Tu Sooraj Mein Saanjh, Piyaji
7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein
8:00 Khichdi

SONY
5:00 Pm Crime Patrol Dial 100
6:00 Crime Patrol Dial 100
7:00 Crime Patrol Satark
8:00 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
9:00 Prithvi Vallabh
10:00 CID
11:00 Crime Patrol Satark

DISCOVERY
5:00 pm Absolute Wild With Bear Grylls
6:00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge
7:00 Walking The Americas
8:00 Dual Survival
9:00 Wild Frank
10:00 Gold Rush

STAR SPORTS
3:50 pm Vivo IPL 2018 Live
7:15 Pm Kent Cricket IPL 2018 Link Show Live
7:50 Vivo Ipl 2018 Live
11:15 Kent Cricket Ipl 2018 Post Show Live
11:35 Vivo Ipl 2018 Hls

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
6:00 pm Winds Of Change
7:00 Spectacular Bridges
8:00 Combat Zone
9:00 Prime @ 9
9:30 S.O.s - Smartest Show On Tv
10:00 Battle Of The Beasts
11:00 Pathfinders

CARTOON NETWORK
6:00 pm Krish Trish Baltiboy
7:30 Krish Trish Baltiboy
9:00 Teen Titans Go!
9:30 Horrid Henry
10:00 Dragon Ball Super
11:00 Dragon Ball Super
11:30 Teleshopping

GEMINI TV
MOVIES:
3:00 pm Georgettans Pooram
6:30 Suryathej Assode Amma
10:30 Sura

UDAYA TV
MOVIES:
3:00 pm Rose
6:00 Maasthi Gudi
9:00 Adyaksha

MOVIES TONIGHT

STAR MOVIES
4:48 pm Kung Fu Hustle
6:52 Rise Of Planet Of The Apes
8:59 Kung Fu Panda 3

HBO
4:30 pm The Perfect Storm
6:48 Constantine
9:00 The Legend Of Tarzan
11:10 Tower Of Death

WB
4:55 pm Assassins
7:09 IP Man 3
9:00 Transformers
11:37 Total Recall

SMAX
5:00 pm Dangerous Khiladi 5
7:55 Pm Kanchana 2
10:58 Terror

ZEE CINEMA
5:10 pm Main Tera Hero
8:00 Holiday: A Soldier Is Never Off Duty
11:29 Pataas

CINEMA TV
3:00 pm Aaj Ka Naya Kamina
7:15 Fillum Baazi
8:00 Krishan Avtaar

SPIX
4:10 pm The Lego Movie
6:19 Green Lantern
8:47 Fast And Furious
10:59 Central Intelligence

UDAYA MOVIES
4:00 pm Appayya
7:00 Preethsod Thappa?
10:00 Krishna Nee Kunidaga

STAR GOLD
4:59 pm Dangerous Khiladi
7:49 Dhruva
11:02 Singham

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 19)

Meeting: Condolence meeting in memory of Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai, Teresian College Golden Jubilee auditorium, Siddarthanagar, **4.30 pm.**

Raaga Music Academy: Talk on 'Healthy Living through Ayurveda and Yoga' by Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera, **4.30 pm to 5.15 pm;** Veena recital by Vidu. Rakshita Ramesh, accompanied by Vid. D.R. Chetan Murthy on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Prajna Kuteera, Vishwamanava Double Road, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Vidyaranyapuram: Adhika Jeshta Masa, 'Ganasiri - Vedanta Lahari' (Harikathamrutasaara - Dasara Padagala Gayana), Harinama Sankeerthane by Prasanna Venkatesha Korthi from Bengaluru, **5 pm to 6 pm;** 'Gaanasiri - Vedantalahari,' discourse by Dr. B.N. Vijayindracharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Parampare: 'Prabhulingaleele' Vaachana-Vyaakhyaana, Vachana Gayana by Chudamani, a degree student of Mysuru; 'Ishtalinga mattu praanalingopadesha' Vaachana by Gamaki Kru. Ramachandra, a retired engineer and Vyaakhyaana by Sri Siddharama Sharanaru Beldaala (Beldaala Sharanaru), Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan (Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha), **6 pm.**

The Institution of Engineers (I), Mysuru Local Centre and Indian Society of Heating Refrigerating & Air-conditining Engineers (ISHRAE), Mysuru Chapter: Technical talk on 'Food Preservation by High Pressure Freezing' by CFTRI Scientist Dr. Navinkumar Rastogi and ISHRAE President Er. B.S. Ramesh; IEI Chairman M. Chinnaswamy presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Khille Mohalla: Adhimasa Special Programmes, Bhajans, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Lecture by scholars, Mutt premises, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 20)

Osho Sannidhi, Mysuru: One-day Osho Meditation Camp, Yoga and Dhyana Kendra, Dr. Puttaraja Gawai Stadium, J.P. Nagar, **6.30 am to 6 pm.**

Wild Mysuru: Kukkarahalli Lake Watch by naturalist U.N. Ravikumar, Kukkarahalli Lake Main Entrance, **7 am to 9 am.**

Srimaduttaradi Mutt, Khille Mohalla: Adhimasa Special Programmes, Sarvamulapata (Krishnamruta Maharnava) by Pt. Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi, **7.30 am to 8.03 am;** Samuhika 33 Pradakshine Namaskara, **8.03 am to 8.30 am;** Bhajans, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Lecture by scholars, Mutt premises, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

THG Publishing Private Ltd.: The Hindu-EDGE Career Counselling-2018 session, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **9.30 am.**

Sri Basaveshwara Seva Samiti, Ramakrishnanagar: Basava Jayanti celebrations, Sri Thrinetra Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji graces the occasions, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyakendra President M. Papegowda presides, Sri Sharada auditorium, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyakendra, Ramakrishnanagar, **9.30 am.**

Bharani Art Gallery: 24th anniversary celebrations, exhibition of water colour paintings by well-known artist H.P. Rangaswamy, Ln. P.K. Somaiah, Industrialist and former President, Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Mysuru, inaugurates; Lecture on 'Art and value' *(Kale mattu Moulya)* by K.C. Mahadeva Shetty, Principal, Sri Kalanikethana College of Arts, Mysuru; Theatre artiste Mandya Ramesh chief guest, N.B. Kaverappa, senior artist, chief convenor and curator of the Gallery, presides, artist H.P. Rangaswamy will be present, Gallery premises, M-1198, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, Vivekananda Nagar (near Circle), **10.30 am and 7 pm.**

Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Dakshina Kannada Zilla Sangha and Innovative, Mysuru: Nudi Namana to Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai, Vijaya Vittala College auditorium, **10.30 am.**

Kusuma Pallavi, Mysuru: Books release — retd. Principal Prof. R.A. Kumar's 'Kavana Thorana', 'No Logic Only Time Pass' and 'Sahitya Kadamba' — Dot Drawing Artist Mohan Varnekar inaugurates, retd. Kannada Professor Dr. H.S. Muddegowda, teacher and writer Kalale Guruswamy and writer Ranganath Mysore will release the books, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am.**

Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Vidyaranyapuram: Adhika Jeshta Masa, 'Ganasiri - Vedanta Lahari' (Harikathamrutasaara - Dasara Padagala Gayana), Harinama Sankeerthane by Vani Hardikar from Yellapura, **5 pm to 6 pm;** 'Gaanasiri - Vedantalahari,' discourse by Dr. B.N. Vijayindracharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Mysore Science Foundation (MSF): 62nd Monthly Science Lecture Series, talk on 'How To Innovate,' Dr. P.R. Naga Srinivasa, retd. Additional General Manager, BHEL, resource person, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **5.30 pm.**

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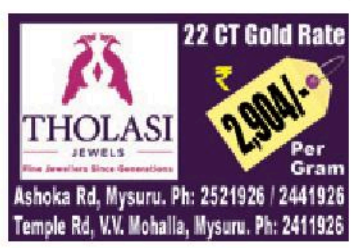

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